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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

KODAS ET AL.

Examiner

Sheeba Ahmed

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18, 24-27 and 72-94 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18, 24-27, and 72-94 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on November 17, 2003 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. The amendment submitted on November 17, 2003 has been entered in the above-identified application. Claims 1-17, 19-23, and 28-71 are cancelled. Claim 18 has been amended. New claims 72-94 have been added. **Claims 18, 24-27, and 72-94 are pending.**

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 18, 24-27, and 72-94 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shorthouse (US 5,173,457).

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Shorthouse discloses a paste composition comprising a dielectric component of substantially spherical particles having a particle size below 5 microns (Column 2, lines 2-5). The dielectric component is preferably a powder (***corresponding to the glass powder batch of the claimed invention***) having a particle size range of 0.1 to 3 microns (***thus meeting the particle size limitations***) and having a spherical shape (***thus meeting the limitation that the particles are substantially spherical***). The size is tightly controlled with essentially no particles outside the range, i.e., the powder is monodisperse (***thus meeting the particle size distribution limitations***) (Column 3, lines 7-15). The dielectric material is preferably a glass containing oxides of silicone, boron, and aluminum (***corresponding to the complex glass particles of the claimed invention***). Preferred glasses include borosilicates, aluminosilicates and aluminoborosilicates (Column 3, lines 24-40) The particles may be heated to form porosity in the particles and subsequent heating further causes the particles to coalesce to decrease the porosity and form a glass material (***indicating that the particle density is close to the theoretical density of the glass***) (Column 3, lines 55-62). Example 1 indicates that the dielectric component is a borosilicate having 20% boron and 80% silicon as oxides (***thus meeting the limitation that the glass particles comprise at least about 95 weight % of glass and that the particles comprise no greater than 0.1 atomic percent of impurities***) and having a particle size in the range of 0.1 to 5 microns. All limitations of claims 18, 24-27, and 72-94 are disclosed in the above reference.

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Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 18, 24-27, and 72-94 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheeba Ahmed whose telephone number is (571)272-1504. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays and Thursdays from 8am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Thibodeau can be reached on (571)272-1516. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)305-5408 for regular communications and (703)305-3599 for After Final communications.



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